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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair
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Re: Padre Dam Municipal Water District's support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano,

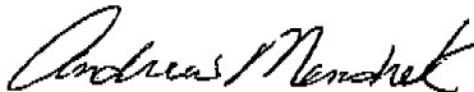
The Padre Dam Municipal Water District strongly supports HR 2828, your landmark bipartisan legislation to re-authorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West. Our water district imports all of our drinking water from northern California and the Colorado River. The implementation of CALFED will bring progress in the areas of water reliability and water quality that directly affect our customer base of over 128,000 persons.

The CALFED Program is vital to all Californians as it provides long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and delivery infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. The Program has been held up as the model for resolving these issues in California and throughout the West where water supply and demand are on-going concerns. The Program; however, cannot realize its potential without re-authorization and funding.

It is extremely important that the program be re-authorized this year. We appreciate your commitment to this bill and moving it forward in Congress. We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which include a re-authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects such as desalination and water recycling — two additional water supplies vital to water-short southern California.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,



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